

1      **ABSTRACT**

2      Financial data having multiple financial data elements is retrieved from a  
3      data source. A procedure identifies multiple rules associated with the financial  
4      data elements. Those multiple rules are applied to the financial data elements such  
5      that each of the financial data elements is associated with an identifier. The  
6      procedure then identifies additional information regarding a particular financial  
7      data element using the identifier associated with the financial data element.

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